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SUBJECT: LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS: INITIAL CALCULATION OF COMPOSITION OF THE LOWER HOUSE

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1. DEPUTY TO SPECIAL COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATION HAS JUST INFORMED US OF THE SCA BREAKDOWN OF AGE, SEX, AND OCCUPATION FOR THE 137 LOWER HOUSE DEPUTIES WHO WERE ELECTED OCTOBER 22.

2. ACCORDING TO THE SCA, AVERAGE AGE OF THE 137 WINNERS IS 39: THERE ARE 135 MEN AND TWO WOMEN (THE TWO WOMEN ARE THE WIFE OF DECEASED HOA HAO GENERAL BA CUT, TRAN THI HOA, WHO

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WON FROM AN GIANG, AND TRUNG NGOC THU, A WINNER IN THUA THIEN.

3. BY OCCUPATION ACCORDING TO THE SCA THERE ARE:

MILITARY OFFICERS, ACTIVE OR RETIRED	30
CIVIL SERVANTS, ACTIVE OR RETIRED	29
TEACHERS	26
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY DEPUTIES	19
ELECTED OFFICIALS (NOT CA DEPUTIES	9
PROFESSIONAL MEN	10
BUSINESSMEN	6
FARMERS	4
NEWSMEN	2
EMPLOYEE OF PRIVATE BUSINESS	1
STUDENTS	1
TOTAL	137

4. "INITIAL OFFICIAL" RETURNS ARE NOW IN FROM ALL CONSTITUENCIES. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE INFORMATION AT OUR DISPOSAL ON THE WINNERS AND THE FOLLOWING PICTURE OF PLACE OF BIRTH, OCCUPATION, AND RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION EMERGES. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BECOME AVAILABLE, OF COURSE.

WHICH WILL ALTER THIS BREAKDOWN TO SOME DEGREE, BUT WE BELIEVE IT IS FAIRLY ACCURATE:

A) PLACE OF BIRTH (NORTH VIET NAM IS ALL OF VIET NAM NORTH OF THE 17TH PARALLEL; CENTRAL VIETNAM ENCOMPASSES ALL OF I AND II CORPS; AND SOUTH VIET NAM INCLUDES ALL OF III AND IV CORPS):

NORTH VIETNAM:	32
CENTRAL VIET NAM:	44
SOUTH VIET NAM:	59
UNKNOWN:	2
TOTAL	137

B. OCCUPATION (WE HAVE BROKEN DOWN OCCUPATIONS SOME-

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WHAT DIFFERENTLY FROM THE SCA: WE HAVE ALSO INCLUDED MORE THAN ONE OCCUPATION PER PERSON WHERE APPLICABLE, FOR EXAMPLE DOCTOR AND ARVN OFFICER, WHICH THE SCA DID NOT):

CIVIL SERVANT (ACTIVE AND RETIRED):	47
MILITARY (ACTIVE AND RETIRED):	34
TEACHERS:	29
PROVINCIAL OR MUNICIPAL COUNCILORS:	14
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY DEPUTIES:	18
BUSINESSMEN (AND WOMEN):	9
DOCTORS:	8

EX-PROVINCE CHIEFS:	7
VILLAGE/HAMLET OFFICIALS:	3
JOURNALISTS:	3
LANDOWNER/FARMERS:	3
LAWYERS:	2
CVT OFFICIALS:	1
STUDENT:	1

C) RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION (INCLUDES SOME WHOSE AFFILIATION IS BELIVED TO BE AS STATED BUT NOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS SUCH):

CATHOLIC:	35
HOA HAO BUDDHIST:	13
THERAVADDA BUDDHIST:	6
MAHAYANS BUDDHIST:	46
CAO DAI:	5
CONFUCIANIST/ANCESTOR WORSHIPER:	4
MOSLEMS:	1
PROTESTANTS:	2
PROFESS NO RELIGION:	2
UNKNOWN	23
TOTAL	137

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5. PARTY OR INTEREST GROUP AFFILIATION IS MORE DIFFICULT TO SORT OUT. WE WILL SUBMIT OUR BEST ESTIMATE OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE LOWER HOUSE IN THIS REGARD TOMORROW.
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